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# URGE BILL TO GIVE EMPLOYES OF D. C. RAISE BE PASSED

Commissioners Write Chairmen of Senate and House District Committees.

WOULD NOT WAIT ON RECLASSIFICATION

## Per Cent Are Provided For in Measure.

ranging from 10 to 40 per cent in salaries of employes of the District of Columbia be passed is made in a letter from the District Commissionletter from the District Commissioners to Chairman Sherman of the Senate District committee and Chairman Mapes of the House District committee. In their communication the Commissioners ask that the measure be made a law at once, without awaiting the result of the labors of the congressional joint commission on reclassification of salaries, and urge that the increases recommended, with a few minor amendments, would increase the monthly pay roll only about \$95,734.

Increases contained in the bill pro-

about \$95,734.

Increases contained in the bill provide that salaries of employes whose basic pay is \$1,000 or less per annum shall be increased 40 per cent. The increase to employes whose basic pay is \$1,200 or less is fixed at 30 per cent; to employes whose basic pay is \$1,500 or less, 20 per cent, and to those drawing \$2,500 or less, 10 per cent.

# Not Satisfactory to Teachers.

Not Satisfactory to Teachers.

Teachers in the public schools of the District, being employes of the District government, are included in the bill providing for pay increases. The teachers, however, are not satisfied with the progressive increases provided in the bill, nor with the amounts of the increases, and it is expected a separate bill will be introduced in Congress providing a flat increase of 80 per cent in salaries of all teachers, pending reclassification.

The Commissioners in their commu-

pending reclassification.

The Commissioners in their communication ask that the class to be given a 10 per cent increase be changed so as to include employes of the District whose basic pay is \$4,000 or less.

Existing salaries are so low, the Commissioners say in the communication to the chairmen of the Senate and House District committees, that the Commissioners believe some action should be taken at once to tide over the interval until the joint commission on reclassification of salaries can complete its work and Congress complete its work and Congress take some action on its re-

#### Would Amend Mensures.

ing the proposed legislation, recom-"Forty per centum to those whose present basic pay is \$1,600 or less per annum; 30 per centum to those whose present basic pay is more than \$1,000, but not exceeding \$1,200 per annum; 20 per centum to those whose present basic pay is more than \$1,200, but not exceeding \$1,500 per annum; 10 per centum to those whose present basic pay is more than \$1,500, but not exceeding \$4,000 per annum.

"Provided, that in computing increases in each of the foregoing groups the maximum compensation paid in any one group shall not exceed the minimum compensation paid

in the group next above."

Tables showing the aggregate amount required to pay the increased compensation to District employes, compiled by the auditor for the District of Columbia, were appended to the communication. These tables, however, do not include the amount responsible for the attitude of the responsible for the attitude of the democrats, but most of them feel he

10 per centum. \$20,696,00 20 per centum. 32,174,00 30 per centum. 98,098,50 40 per centum. 249,319,20	
Employes paid from lump sum appropriations.	\$460,287.70
10 per centum. \$10,162,90 20 per centum. 16,826,60 30 per centum. 17,928,30 40 per centum. 18,670,40	
Public school employes.  Water department employes. Sewer department employes. Surface division employes. Repair shop employes.	\$63,588,20 518,344,00 20,208,62 11,758,72 4,31f,81 9,514,81
City refuse employes, Garbage disposal\$30,741.60	

\$106,977.73

## "DESERTERS' LEAGUE"

NOT WANTED BY SWISS

was to be discussed. An appointment is expected soon, so Mr. Glass can take his seat in the Senate, to which he was appointed to succeed the late Senator Martin of Virginia.

Mr. Glass is known to favor the selection of Assistant Secretary Leffingwell to succeed him, and other administration officials have urged Mr. Leffingwell's appointment.

Has happened in the treaty debate in the past, but in the present, it will be interesting to watch how far the republican leaders go in insisting that Mr. Wilson underwrite everything the democratic senators offer in the way of a compromise.

One thing is clear: Mr. Wilson will not be a party to the compromise negotiations, but once a compromise is effected and the treaty is adopted by

## COMMITTEE APPROVES RENT COMMISSIONERS

The nominations of James F. Cyster,
A. Leftwich Sinclair and Guy Mason to
constitute the membership of the District of Columbia rent commission were
ordered favorably reported to the Senate
today by the Senate District committee. The vote of the committee was
unanimous. The committee had given
notice of a hearing on the rent commission today, but no witnesses appeared against the appointees.

It is expected that the Senate will peared against the appointees.

It is expected that the Senate will be asked to confirm the rent commissioners without further delay. Members of the Senate have been most anxious that this commission should be appointed and confirmed, so that the operation of the Ball act creating the commission could begin at once.

Sixty days after the confirmation of the rent commission by the Senate the Saulsbury act to prevent eviction of

Saulsbury act to prevent eviction of tenants in the District of Columbia for any reason, except for non-payment of rent, goes out of operation. The rent commission, thereafter, will deal with all cases of disputes between landlords and tenants, as it will in the meanded "a certain tract or

# Urgent recommendation that the bill providing for salary increases SPLIT WILL HURRY PACT RATIFICATION

If Senate Agrees on Final Form President Will.

Pass It On.

A number of democratic senators A number of democratic senators received telegrams today from William J. Bryan urging ratification of the treaty so the United States could enter the league of nations by the time the league council holds its first meeting next Friday. The telegram follows:

"I very earnestly hope that it may be possible to secure an agreement on the reservations and agreement on the reservations and resolution of ratification before next Friday so that our nation can enter the league of nations at its first session on January 16. The joy of the American people would, I am sure, be as universal as it was when the armistice was signed."

mend that lines six to thirteen (of ticipation or isolation, and more than 8. 3364, Sixty-sixth Congress, first session), be amended to read as follows: joining the partnership that is to

cent to employes whose present basic hit the nail on the head in his Jack-pay is more than \$1,500, but less than son day speech, and that he sized up public opinion accurately. As for son day speech, and that he sized up public opinion accurately. As for the letter written by President Wilson, his friends still insist that it: additional.

Auditor's Recapitulation.

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The auditor's recapitulation by President wilson in the compromise process and that he would stuitly himself before foreign governments if, after registrating a contract with them, he openly receded from his position before the memory and per centum. 220,006.00 do per centum. 249,319.20 that whenever an American program of upper centum. 249,319.20 that whenever an American program of per centum. 15,062.50 do per centum. 15,062.50 do per centum. 16,828.60 do per centum. 17,083.50 do per centum. 17,083.50 do per centum. 18,850.40 the foreign governments of the per centum. 18,850.40 the proper late of the per centum. 18,850.40 the per centum. 18,850.40 the proper late of the per centum. 18,850.40 the proper late of the per centum. 18,850.40 the proper late of the per centum. 18,850.40 the public school employes. 18,850.40 the public opinion accurately. As for the letter written by President to take the initiative in the compromise process and that he would stuitly himself before foreign governments if, after right and duty of the president to a service of political proveg by water is composed of Miss Aldis, Mrs. Frederick Athera Cisc. Mrs. Called Repair of Miss Aldis, Mrs. Frederick Athera Cisc. Mrs. Called Repair of Miss Aldis, Mrs. Frederick Athera Cisc. Mrs. Called Repair of Miss Aldis, Mrs. Frederick Athera Cisc. Mrs. Called Repair of Miss Aldis, Mrs. Frederick Athera Cisc. Mrs. Called Repair of Miss Aldis, Mrs. Frederick Athera Cisc. Mrs. Called Repair of Miss Aldis, Mrs. Fred ing for the unqualified adoption of the peace treaty. All the allies now have ratified without reservations and Mr. Wilson must go before them with a plea for changes because while the

powers. President Must Back Senate Acts. Mr. Wilson will be required through RESERVA. Friday, January 9.
Twenty-five deserters who reached Switzerland during the war have formed a "league," the object of which is stated by its founders to be "defense of our interests." The members are chiefly from the central powers, none being American or British.

The Swiss authorities say they would be glad to get rid of the deserters, some of whom served as spies.

The Swiss newspapers remark that, although English and American torong were on leave near the Swiss frontier, not one deserted. On American binnedered into Switzerland in 1916, having lost his way. He complained that Europe was so small that its frontier to will be crossed in a day's walk.

MR. GLASS SUMMONED

TO THE WHITE HOUSE

President Wilson today summoned Secretary Glass to the White House for a conference, at which, it was understood, a successor to Mr. Glass was to be discussed. An appointment is expected soon, so Mr. Glass can take his seat in the Senate, to which has shappened in the treaty debate in is expected soon, so Mr. Glass can take his seat in the Senate, to which has shappened in the treaty of course the President will be considered on the Capental Secretary Glass to the White House for a conference, at which, it was understood, a successor to Mr. Glass was to be discussed. An appointment is expected soon, so Mr. Glass can take his seat in the Senate, to which in the past, but in the present, it will be interesting to watch how that as a treation of the treaty of course the President will be considered outside the treaty. It is announced that the priests who proclaimed an ational church in Bohemia calles accept and the treaty the changes that the priests would relieve to the change faction of the treaty the changes that the United States. The changes that the United States. The changes that the Drited that salles discussed in the compromise conversations are designed to make it possible for for hence the president will to erclesiastical discipline the change that the understood that the more treating to well at the trea

tween the allies and America on the

Mr. Leffingwell's appointment.

Bulgar Socialists Demonstrative.

SALONIKI, Sunday, January 11.—
Bulgarian socialists are organizing successive demonstrations, according to dispatches, in order to bring about a change in the government.

Mr. Leffingwell's appointment.

In the same of the compromise negotiations, but once a compromise is effected and the treaty is adopted by the Senate with reservations satisfactory to two-thirds of the membership of the Senate, it is an open secret that the reconsider his resignation. In a letter to Secretary Lane the President Wilson has requested Gay-lord M. Saltzgaber, commissioner of pensions in the Interior Department, to reconsider his resignation. In a letter to Secretary Lane the President Wilson has requested Gay-lord M. Saltzgaber, commissioner of pensions in the Interior Department, to reconsider his resignation. In a letter to Secretary Lane the President Sait Mr. Saltzgaber was a most efficient official and that his services could not well be dispensed with at this time.

The State Department has been officially advised from Paris that the officially advised from Paris that the officially advised from Paris that the council of the league of nations will be held at the value of the Senate with the council of the league of nations will be held at the value of the Senate with the council of the league of nations will be held at the value of the Senate with the council of the league of nations will be held at the value of the Senate with the council of the league of nations will be held at the value of the Senate with the council of the league of nations will be held at the value of the Senate with the council of the league of nations will be held at the value of the Senate with the council of the league of nations at the league of n

# MRS. SLATER GIVES PROPERTY TO CHILD **WELFARE SOCIETY**

New Central Home for Former "Washington Diet Kitchen" on G Street.

Washington is to have a central ome for its child welfare work soon, thanks to the generous gift of Mrs. E. H. G. Slater to the Child Welfare Society, which, for over ten produc-

In the sonorous legal words of the dead "a certain tract or parcel of land with all buildings thereon, at 2100 G street northwest, is hereby given to the Child Welfare Society in recognition and appreciation of the work of Mary Gwynn as president for twelve years of the Washington Diet Kitchen Association, and in order that Kitchen Association, and in order that said corporation may have an administration house where it may carry on its work more conveniently and extensively and better centralize its management and direction. Said premises with all privilege appurtenances thereunto to have to hold forever." Plans for Changes Ready.

Plans for Changes Ready.

The house is a corner one with four floors and generous sized rooms. The architect's plans have already been drawn up for the many necessary changes. New windows will pierce the walls. Partitions will be thrown up and torn down to provide conference and demonstration rooms, a diet kitchen, chemical and pathological laboratories and a photographic room. Here in this diagnostic house the neurologist and thropologist, psychologist and orthopedic surgeons will be enabled to add to the fund of knowledge and formulate standard methods. In the building will be incorporated one of the welfare centers, which, in its very latest devices for the protection and convenience of the visiting mothers and children and the attending doctors and nurses, will serve as a model for the nation. There is an extensive back yard, which invites plans for a glass-inclosed pavilion, a day nursery and auditorium, all surrounding a flower-filled patio.

More Money Needed.

member of the Jack part of the Army to great things have combined to the mental growther the total effect has been to hasten rather than retard effects are allies and for the working of the movement for in Washington to the movement for in washington to the movement of in washington to the movement of More Money Needed.

ticipation or isolation, and more than two-thirds of the Senate Senate abroad concerning the rule of the true intent of the least of th than the society.

wilson must go before them with a plea for changes because while the preamble of the treaty is going to be modified to eliminate the necessity of a formal exchange of notes between the allies and America on the

## reservations, the United States government will be obliged to obtain nevertheless, the acquiescence of the **EXPRESSIONS TO VATICAN**

ROME, January 10 .- A semi-official the Secretary of State to plead for communication, issued by the Vatican ed by the Senate. If these constitute in effect a rejection of the treaty the

for priests so far as it concerned

#### PRESIDENT ASKS PENSION PRESIDENT MAY CALL COMMISSIONER TO STAY



PRACTICALLY HOPELESS!

## JERSEY ANTI-DRY CASE DISMISSED

No Jurisdiction, Decision of Supreme Court—Rhode

Replying to government contentions that only a political question is involved, Attorney General Rice, in a new brief filed today, said Rhode Island is only "seeking to test judicially the exercise of power assailed, on the ground that its exercise will injuries. The officers of the Child Welfare
Association are: Miss Gwynn, president; Mrs. Thomas R. Marshall, vice
president; Mrs. David Houston, second vice president; Mrs. William A.
Hammond, secretary, and Mrs. Lewis

(Bhode Island) because of renus-

be vindicated.
"The state not only seeks to pre-

vent an interruption in the exercise of its governmental powers, but also seeks the protection which this court may afford by injunctive relief from irreparable damage to its property interests. The state and its subdivisions have already lost considerable take out licenses for the sale of noncating liquors under the so-called Voldivisions will continue to lose divisions will continue to lose large sums aggregating more than \$600,000

#### **DEMOCRATS ASSERT** ACCORD WITH PRESIDENT

Democratic senators who attended a conference last night at the home of Senator Owen, democrat, Oklahoma. at which compromise suggestions were considered, said a number of points still were unsettled and that ambassador at Berlin, who has been the conference would be continued. however, according to the republican leaders, the negotiations for a compromise have not reached a stage promising an early agreement.

Germany has not yet given notice of the nomination of Baron Kurt von Lersner, head of the German mission in Paris, as the German charge at the French capital, nor of the stage at the French capital at the stage at the

## LEAGUE COUNCIL TODAY

## "NOTHING TO IT," SAYS **WOOD OF "RESIGNATION"**

"There's nothing to it. Tommy rot. Never heard of it before." That is what Maj. Gen. Leonard That is what Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood, commanding the central department at Chicago, said to a Star reporter at the War Department at 10 o'clock this morning, as he was hurrying along the corridor to attend the general military conference to be opened at that hour. His brief statement was made in response to an inquiry as to the response to an inquiry as to th truth of a statement published this morning that he "soon will resign his commission in the Army to enter more completely into his campaign for the presidency."

urisdiction.

He said the court held that no right the city. Pressure is being reduced on much friction.

The water famine here is attributed to dependence on rain for an adequate supply and the abnormal lack of precipitation during the past three posts. The water question has been because of his official connection with cipitation during the past three months. The water question has been before the city council for years, and with the aid of the government was with the aid of the government was "We further charge that the temporarily solved during the war.

Norfolk's present slim suppply of water is being drawn from a group of small lakes located near North Landing, in Norfolk county. Water out of only one lake is, however, fit for human consumption, and that for human consumption, and that from a smaller nearby lake, which is brackish, is being pumped into it to maintain a pumping level.

"We further enarge that by I have from a smaller nearby lake, which is of his sacredotal and ministerial habits and training and his total lack of experience in the ordinary affairs of experience in the ordinary affairs of experience in the ordinary affairs of experience in the said Van

# FOR BRITAIN AT BERLIN

LONDON, January 12.-Lord Kilmarnock left London today to act as British diplomatic representative

step in the re-establishment of diplomatic relations between Great Britain safely intrusted with public office, and Germany, which will be effected particularly the office of Commistalmost immediately. Consuls and consider. suls general will be appointed shortly by the two governments. Germany will be first represented here by a by the two governments. Germany that the said Rev. Van Schaick, as will be first represented here by a charge d'affaires, but it is believed the rank will soon be raised to that of minister, instead of ambassador, as formerly.

ambassador at Berlin, who has been representing the interests of France at the German capital, notified the They said the conference was in harmony with the President's view of accepting reservations, which were interpretative. but not destructive. Senator Lodge, the republican leader, expects this week to confer with many senators, including leaders of the "mild reservation" republican group and democratic leaders. So far, however, according to the republican leaders, the negotiations for a com- in Paris, as the German capital, notified the German government yesterday that France had taken action for the resumption of diplomatic relations with Germany. France's charge d'affaires will probably leave Paris for Berlin on January 18. at the German capital, notified the at the German government yesterday that France had taken action for the resumption of diplomatic relations with Germany. France's charge d'affaires will probably leave Paris for Berlin on January 18.

The German capital, notified the latter moved therefrom.

"We have been informed that the said Rev. Van Schaick in a recent written communication to a special committee of the school board used courrilous and insulting language references. tion of any one else. Meanwhile Baron von Lersner remains as the provisional charge. It was said in

## provisional charge. It was said in German delagation circles today that Germany might refrain for the pres-ent from naming a charge. OREGON LEGISLATURE RATIFIES SUFFRAGE

SALEM, Oregon, January 12 .- The Oregon legislature in special session here today ratified the amendment to the federal Consti federal Constitution granting

# ASK VAN SCHAICK BE NOT CONFIRMED

## Protests Against Him as **Commissioner Laid Before**

much friction.
C. C. Lancaster, representing the sue that state without its conous precautions are being taken
In this instance the state of against fire.

Jersey denied that permission.

Water Famine Impending.

Brightwood Citizens. Association, was ate that the treaty is valid and does the first witness heard. He presented a written protest signed by himself nations would convince the President

church.
"We further charge that the nomination of said Rev. Van Schaick is a flagrant violation of a well known

commercial activities, the said Van Schaick is wholly disqualified to dis-charge the important civil adminis-trative duties of a Commissioner of right and duty of the state to assert its authority and seek to maintain it in this court. Where, as in this case, the wrongs are threatened, by officials of the federal government, who are beyond the territorial boundaries of the state, this tribunal is not merely the proper but the only tribunal in which the authority of the state may be vindicated.

It here and storing it in stand pipes. Surveys have recently been completed for a new source of supply in Norfolk county, experts estimating that this addition to the present systice and fair dealing, should have a man of well known business experience, in whom the entire people have confidence to fill this official position, and we have a creditable number of men who can meet all the requirements of the office.

Political Principles "We charge that the said Rev. Van Schaick is neither a republican nor a democrat, and not even a bull moose, but, so far as we have been able to ascertain from his public utterances and affiliations, he leans toward the and affiliations, he leans toward the vagaries of the socialist and single taxer. In other words, he is a man with no fixed political principles of either of the two great political parties, and such a record is antagonistic to the spirit of the act of 1878 and the unbroken custom of the experience of the correction of the experience of the second se ecutive to a point one democrat and one republican to be Commissioner one republican to be Commissioners. We contend that a man who has no fixed political principles cannot be safely intrusted with public office,

"We also charge and so represent and has greatly demoralized the teaching force and greatly impaired its efficiency. In other words, his appointment on the school board was a

flecting upon the Colored Parents' League and colored patrons of the public schools, a copy of which is on file with your committee and will be brought to your attention by a committee of the Colored Parents' League. Asserts Non-Residence.

"We further charge and so represent been an actual resident of the District of Columbia for three years prior to his appointment, as required by the act of 1878. The record of the school board shows that Rev. Van Schaick was absent from June 6, 1917, to June, 1919, about two years, and we are reliably informed that during that peliably informed that during that peliably informed on Second Page.)

Case would go to the jury wednesday.

The court's instructions to the jury will be long, attorneys for both sides believe. They say there are many points on which they desire that the jury wednesday.

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# NEW YORK INSISTS BILL TO ABOLISH SENATE SHALL ACT ON LEAGUE ISSUE

#### Political Leaders See Need-Representative Mapes Urges less Delay in Submitting Question to Popular Vote.

BY N. O. MESSENGER.

NEW YORK, January 12.—The pre-dominant sentiment in all circles here is utter intolerance of and absolute impatience with the suggestion that the league of nations shall be tossed into the bear pit of the coming national campaign to complicate do-mestic issues which will be clamoring for adjustment then, and to delay peace indefinitely.

Senators of both parties will hear from influential men in New York demanding that the Senate shall go over the heads of those senators who resist reasonable reservations or are irreconcilable to any reservation, and to disregard dictation from any source which will prolong the situ-ation, now classed as highly detrimental to the country, as well as charged with grave menace for the

Set "Political Fortunes" Aside. Men of importance in the political and business world declare that it is and business world declare that it is shocking to contemplate the idea that the political fortunes of any party, of any man or of any group should be made paramount for the next year or fifteen months to the national interests concerned in the ratification of the treaty. They are aghast at the suggestion that political and perday a burden of taxation and have done so since the fathers laid out this of the treaty. They are aghast at the suggestion that political and per-sonal rivalry should be permitted to hold back ratification. They are no longer responsive to

They are no longer responsive to the claim advanced by one group in Washington that the protection of American rights instifies delay indefinitely, because they are convinced that it is entirely possible to protect American rights through the reservations. These views are shared by democrats and republicans alike, and it became possible to ascertain them in the assembling in this city yesterday and Saturday of republican leaders from all over the state to attend a meeting of the state committee, and democrats of prominence, from the governor down, at a notable political dinner Saturday night.

Regret President's Isolation.

Commissioner Laid Before

Senate D. C. Committee.

Protests against the confirmation of Dr. John Van Schaick, jr., to be a member of the board of District Commissioners were laid before the Senate District committee at an open ate District committee at an open at District committee at an arrangement made for four hours of general debate, confined strictly to the bill. Representative Foss of Ohio presided in committee of the whole.

Address by Mr. Mapes.

Chairman Mapes of the House District committee at an arrangement of the country in the still hugging to his breast the memory of the plaudits that greeted him on his western trip. They hear that he has been a clergyman and that he sees but few people, and they deduce that he hears probably only what he wants to hear.

Thus they claim that it devolves that he has not been a feel of the Country to come together on a program of reservations, ratify the testimony which covers will be consistent of the league tyported the point of the country to come together on a program of reservations, ratify the source of the consistency of the plaudits that greeted him on his western trip. They hear that he has been a clergyman and that he sees but few people, and they deduce that he hears pro

treaty with the covenant of the league well guarded, and lay it before the President. They insist that the Sen-ate is as competent to judge what would nullify the treaty as any in-dividual, and they believe that the declaration of two-thirds of the Sen-Arguments on the motion of the state of Rhode Island for permission to institute original proceedings to test the constitutionality of the fedral prohibition constitutional amendment and enjoin its enforcement in that state were heard today by the Supreme Court.

Attorney General Herbert A. Rice.

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The present measure famine will result in the President of the Brightwood Citizens' Association; Warner Stutler, president of the Brightwood Citizens' Association;

#### say the effort. Then the responsibility for pigeon holing the treaty would be fixed, they say. Discuss Suspension of Socialists. New York republicans are deeply

oncerned over the action of the legis lature in suspending the five socialist members, pending an investigation of their views on government. committee that upstate leaders were disposed to indorse the action of Speaker Sweet in having the social-ists stand aside until the committee on judiciary could hear them, while promnent city leaders deprecate it. Speaker Sweet stoutly defends his course, claiming that he acted within the law in halting them on prima facie evidence until the facts could be disclosed as to their attitude to-

the curse off is the fact that thirtythree democrats in the legislature
voted with the republicans to suspend
them. What Boss Murphy of Tammany Hall said to some of the upstate democrats at Saturday night's
Capital city. He impressed upon his
colleagues that this question of defi-

# state democrats at Saturday night's dinner wouldn't pass through the mails and would melt the glass insulators off the telegraph wires. Forecast of Outcome. The outcome is expected to be that unless the socialists at the committee hearing declare outright their adherence to views that are classed as inimical to the American form of government and advocate its overthrow by violence, they will be allowed to take their seats. If they follow the example of Victor Berger, however, it is thought likely the legislature will oust them, and let politics and the socialist vote in Manhattan go hang. It should be remembered, however, that

cialists.
One fails to find among important men here any spirit of despair or pessimism over the state of the counpessimism over the state of the country at large, socially, industrially or politically. They are concerned, but confident that, given any kind of sensible leadership in Congress in both parties, everything can be straightened out. Nobody but the bolsheviki discounts the U.S.A. View of Mr. Bryan's Action.

Mr. Bryan's threatened split is viewed without dismay. One of the most noted democrats from upstate said to the writer:

"I wish Pryan"

### NEW'S TRIAL RESUMED.

#### Arguments Continue and Case May Reach Jury Wednesday. LOS ANGELES, Calif., January 12.

-The condition of the juror whose illness caused a recess over Saturday of the trial of Harry S. New for the alleged murder of Miss Freda Lesser. that the said Rev. Van Schaick is le-gafly disqualified from holding said office of Commissioner, as he has not been an actual resident of the Dis-centility of three years prior

# 50-50 PLAN BEING DEBATED IN HOUSE

TWO CENTS.

Measure: Mr. Williams Speaks in Opposition.

#### LATTER SAYS TAXPAYERS ARE NOT UNDERTAXED

#### Declares False the Charge on Which Principle Is Endeavored to Be Destroyed. The Mapes bill, proposing to abolish

the "half-and-half" law of appropria-tions for the support of the District of Columbia, was under debate in the House this afternoon. Representative Mapes made the opening speech for the bill and he was followed by Representative Williams of Illinois as leader of the opposition.

as leader of the opposition.

"The charge on which those andeavoring to destroy the half-and-half principle of maintaining and developing the National Capital base their contest is entirely false, said Representative Thomas S. Williams of Illinois, leading the republican majordone so since the fathers laid out this most beautiful city as do the residents of any other community of comparable size or advantages."

In leading the opposition to the proposed abolition of the time-honor-

ed half-and-half principle, as pro-vided in the organic act, Representa-tive Williams emphasized the fact that it is the republican majority of the House District committee that is standing against the Mapes bill. He charged Congress that it is a sacred duty upon them not to disturb the fixed proportion in regard to financial relations between the resi-dents of the District and the federal government until they have investi-

nis own committee had recently taken voluminous testimony which covers conditions up to the immediate present. During his statements he was frequently interrupted by other republican members, who challenged some of the statements and some of his statistics. Representative Zihlman of Maryland arose to answer a question regarding the comparison of assessed values with actual sales. Representative Murphy of Obje and Representative Williams of Illinois arose to discuss the reliability of the rates and assessment presented by Mr. Mapes as for their home cities which he had received in reply to telegrams sent by him to the home cities are the republicant members of the sight republicant members. cities of the eight republican mem-bers who had signed the report in opposition to the Mapes bill.

Mr. Mapes' argument in general was the same as that presented in his re-port on the bill from which he quoted

## Applause for Mr. Williams.

Representative Williams of Illinois was given much applause as indicat-ing the feeling of the House as opposed to the proposed abolition of the half-and-half principle. He was the first speaker among a dozen or more of the most prominent men in the House who have asked for time to speak in opposition to the Mapes bill. Representative Gould of New York, who has taken a most active part in legislation benefibe disclosed as to their attitude to-ward the government. Thus, with the session of the legislature only four days old, a split within the republican party is threatened.

The only thing that operates to take the curse off is the fact that thirty-

For seventy-eight years following should be remembered, however, that there is thus far no parallel between the Berger case and the New York somethod of contribution, Mr. Williams pointed out, "and this led," he said, "to the people of the District being frequently on the verge of bank-ruptcy, while this most elaborate and beautifully designed city was wholly undeveloped, insanitary, a reproach and disgrace to the nation. It was to correct this abuse that the definite proportion of contribution between the federal and local governments was established under which has been built

said to the writer:

"I wish Bryan would start a third party, gather to him all the discontented elements, collect them all under one head so that the rest of the people could crack it, and I would not care very much whether it was my own party or the republican party that did the job."

Comparison of Fer Capita Tax.

"The city of Washington pays a greater tax per capita than 176 of the 227 cities approximating it in size or advantages," declared Representative Williams. He pointed out that the bureau of census establishes the per capita tax as the proper method of computing tax burden. "This is the only method whereby you can arrive with any certainty regarding the rive with any certainty regarding the tax burden," said Mr. Williams, emphasizing that those who charge Washington with undertaxation figure only upon the tax rate, or the as-sessment valuation, which mean noth-ing unless taken in proportion with

#### the population.' Lanham Argues for Mapes Bill. Representative Lanham of Texas argued in support of the Mapes bill.

Strong indorsement of the Mapes bill.

Strong indorsement of the assessment
system in Washington, as absolutely
fair and equitable, was given by Representative Burdick, formerly mayor of Newport, R. I.

"I am one of those who came to the consideration of this question prejudiced against the city of Washington," Representative Burdick admitted. "Due to what, I believe the higher cost of living

and the many reports that had come to me to the effect that the citizens of (Continued on Eighteenth Page